

Town of Northfield  
Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes November 10, 2014  
Municipal Building 6:00pm

Attendees: Bob Illingworth, Sally Davidson, Bruce Wright, Scott Amell, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua(members); Ken Goslant( selectman-liaison); Pam Knox, Christine Barnes, Leslie Mathews, Laura Hill-Eubanks (members of Conservation Commission)

Absent: Jason Miles/Dynamos Soccer representative

- I. Call to order: 610pm
- II. Discussion and decision to have public participation portion of meeting first. Conservation Commission in attendance. They brought group decadent desserts from the Northfield Falls General Store. While we enjoyed eating the members spoke of the various things they have done in the past (marked trails of Mountains where bike/walking is; path where Beaver Pond is, certain indigenous plants exist, participated in recent information gathering for planning commission, help maintain forest plan, plan outings, send children to conservation camp, grid map out the Northfield forest plan and trails; participate in wildlife and conservation issues that are sensitive to community.) Their intention is not to always look at a construction project and look for it in a negative light as sometimes interpreted over the years they have come up with a mission and purpose(As Sally reminded our group that we also have one). They do not have a budget so they also rely on fundraising. They are currently working on a possible fundraiser in February. Our discussion was then how we could work together. We discussed our plan of a walking path/bike from Park to the Falls and how group might work together.
- III. Review and approval of minutes-approved.
- IV. Old business: reports from last meeting)tabled from October
  - A. Picnic tables-Scott reiterated that he has already gotten commitments from some restaurants. He just spoke to Subway. He will ask Rustic, Falls, and Common Café. Group did have further discussion about opening up to further businesses. Looking at past notes we had agreed to just solicit restaurants and we want to just carry through with this however if a donor came around and wanted to donate towards cause we would not deny them.
  - B. back stop and benches have still not been completed. Scott brought up discussion about the back stop chain link relocating it due to distance where it is currently behind plate. The chain link from Little League fence could possibly be brought forward. Scott and Bruce indicated that the old stuff(rotted plywood would be removed before December and that Scott would talk to Frank Pecora to see if he would like to help with the staining of both the Back stop and benches. All of this is already been allocated and paid. Just action needs completed.
  - C. Tennis nets: Scott has nets in his dad's garage from Montpelier. He has receipt that he needs to get to Laurie.

- D. Michele had reports tabled from October meeting in regards to what other towns Recreation fields charge for their field use "if any". She researched Waterbury, Barre, Montpelier, and concluded that prices vary we did not discuss whether we should be charging for our fields at this time.
- G. Other. From past meeting Ken Goslant had sent an email to town manager about meeting between athletic director and fields, but Ken had had to go to Select board meeting and was unable to report off as to whether this meeting had happened.

V. New Business:

- A. For next year Sally would like to have a Trunk or treating for those residents outside of immediate "village" area that would like to park in common area and have trick or treaters come and get candy.
- B. Winter Carnival: Bob mentioned that Sara from library last year is no longer in the same post but would still like to be part of carnival. Winter Carnival date will still be February 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussed last year's plan that we would like to broaden a bit and have a "fuNdraiser" as well wiffleball or soccer or combination that would raise funds for little league, and that we would open up perhaps and encourage Legion to maybe hold a benefit that weekend. Bruce will mention to Scott Wright about this. Scott will take to fireman about the liner to see if it can be fixed for the ice rink and there may be possibility of the one down at little league field being fixed (may involve a call to Porto Rink). Heidi will post info/intro to Winter Carnival to Front Porch forum to get ball rolling and people thinking. Scott reiterated coloring contest would be up to businesses. Sally will contact Senior Center. Pam mentioned the possibility of using the Country Club for cross country skiing and will find out. She will let us know what capacity their group can help if they are not involved in their own fundraiser that weekend with a dinner at the Woods. Either way we may be able to put that on the schedule we put out.
- C. Budget: we need to discuss a budget for upcoming projects for next budget for town. Planning meeting Wed. 11/19/14 6pm.

VI. Next Meeting: 8 December 2014

VII. Adjournment